



**U.S. Department of Justice**

*United States Attorney  
Southern District of Indiana*

---

*10 West Market Street  
Suite 2100  
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204-3048*

*(317)226-6333  
TDD (317)226-5438*

**May 24, 2004**

*FAX NUMBERS:  
Criminal (317)226-6125  
Administration (317)226-5176  
Civil (317)226-5027  
FLU (317) 226-6133  
OCDETF (317)226-5953*

**CONTACT PERSON:**

Claudia Cummings  
(317) 229-2477 office  
(317) 590-7928 mobile

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

**METHAMPHETAMINE TRAFFICKER  
SENTENCED TO OVER 15 YEARS**

**PRESS RELEASE**

Susan W. Brooks, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, announced that ALEJANDRO J. ORTEGA, a/k/a Leonardo Garcia, 31, Indianapolis, Indiana, was sentenced to 15 years and 8 months imprisonment today by U.S. District Judge Larry J. McKinney following his guilty plea to conspiracy to distribute methamphetamine. This case was the result of an four-month investigation by the Drug Enforcement Administration, Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Customs Service, Indiana State Police, Indianapolis Police Department, Marion County Sheriff's Department, and Hamilton County Sheriff's Department.

-more-

According to Assistant United States Attorney Bradley A. Blackington, who prosecuted the case for the government, ORTEGA will be deported from the United States upon completion of his prison sentence. ORTEGA was fined in the amount of \$1,000.

ORTEGA was an upper-level methamphetamine distributor for a methamphetamine trafficking organization operating in Indianapolis. The organization, headed by Ramon Montero, trafficked approximately 300 pounds of methamphetamine per month in the Indianapolis area from the summer of 2001 through December 6, 2002.

###